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1. In order for a non-member of the Communist Party to cross the border from Bulgaria to Rumania at Ruse, he must obtain a visa on his passport from the Rumanian Consulate at Sofia. He must then go to the Bulgarian border control station at Ruse where his passport and visa are inspected and countersigned. When this check is completed, the traveler may board the ferry for Giurgiu, Rumania, with no further inspection of his credentials. Upon disembarking on the Rumanian side of the Danube, he merely shows his passport and visa to the Rumanian authorities, who keep no record of his entry.
2. Members of the Communist Party do not need a passport or a visa to cross from Bulgaria to Rumania and are merely required to show their Communist Party membership card to the immigration officials on each end.
3. There is some illegal border crossing from Bulgaria to Rumania, but none from Rumania to Bulgaria. This is true because economic conditions are so bad in Bulgaria that no one wishes to go there. Persons wishing to cross the border illegally are generally assisted by Bulgarian fishermen upon payment of a sum of money.
4. Most of the fishermen on the Bulgarian side of the Danube are Moslems of Turkish origin, who form a close-knit group. knew or heard of no police penetration of this group.

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